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Re: **U.S. Patent Application Entitled "MAGNETIC-BASED PLACEMENT AND RETENTION OF SENSOR ELEMENTS IN A SENSOR ARRAY" -- McDevitt, et al.**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 189 page specification, 65 pages of claims (Claims 1- 377), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 82 drawings on 88 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of John T. McDevitt, Eric V. Anslyn, Jason B. Shear, and Dean P. Neikirk for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned Applicant representative.

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